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## Klezmatrics

Award-winning klezmer band gives a performance in celebration of Hannukah. Bass Concert Hall. 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$24.

## Texas Politics Series

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, gives a preview of the upcoming legislative session. Gebauer Building, Dean's Conference Room 3.312. 3:30-5 p.m.

## 'Peace Meals'

Journalist Anna Badkhen will talk about her book "Peace Meals," about her experiences in war zones in Iraq, Afghanistan and Chechnya. CMA, Room 5.160. 11 a.m.

## 'It's a Wonderful Life'

The holiday classic is in high definition digital format at the Alamo Drafthouse on South Lamar. 7 p.m.

## Bach Cantata Project performs

The collaboration of the Blanton and the Butler School of Music performs Bach's "Christen, ätzet diesen Tag." Blanton Museum of Art. 12 p.m. Free to UT students, faculty and staff.

Campus watch

## Not so minor

*Kinsolving Dormitory, 2605 Whitis Ave.*  
Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor: A UT student, who was under the age of 21, was reported as being intoxicated. The student was observed rolling around in her own stomach contents while in a 4th floor women's restroom. The student was found to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage but not to the point she was deemed to be a danger to herself or anyone else. Occurred on Wednesday at 2:31 a.m.



Quote to note

"When I walked in, the first thing I saw was the macaroons' amazing colors. I guess you can call it love at first sight. When I saw them, I knew I was going to do something with them for the rest of my life."

— **Soraiya Nagree**  
Owner of La Pâtisserie by Luxe Sweets

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## Students voice concerns over labor rights group

By Allie Kolečta  
Daily Texan Staff

An affiliation with an anti-sweatshop nonprofit group is not enough to ensure that all UT apparel is made only under ethical working conditions, said students in a meeting with UT's trademark licensing department on Monday.

After the Oxfam and Students Against Sweatshops protest on

Nov. 8, assistant athletics director Craig Westemeier agreed to meet with three members of the groups to discuss the University's potential affiliation with the Worker Rights Consortium, a global labor rights organization.

UT is currently affiliated with the Fair Labor Association, a nonprofit group seeking to end sweatshops in factories. Westemeier

serves on the association's board.

"We're certainly going to take into account the information that the students we spoke with today provided," he said. "We're going to take a look at it and do what we think is best for the University."

The consortium is composed of students, university

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English junior Rachel Schelter talks to Craig Westemeier, assistant athletic director, about sweatshops that may be associated with some UT apparel.

## A life stranger than fiction



Caleb Bryant Miller | Daily Texan Staff

John Tschirhart, 90, gives a rascally wink. The nonagenarian is a veteran of World War II, where he served as a bombardier in the Army Air Corps, taking part in D-Day and the invasion of Normandy.

INSIDE: The life, love, war and llamas of John Tschirhart on pages 6&7

## Korean Austinites respond to deadly artillery attack

### Government corruption deters south from giving aid to 'starving' north

By Anna Fata  
Daily Texan Staff

After North Korea launched artillery shells that killed four South Koreans last week, the Korean community in Austin expressed their concern for both countries and said they were saddened by the impoverished

living conditions of North Korean people.

Richard Jung, vice president of the Korean American Association of Greater Austin, said South Koreans want to help the North Korean people by donating money, but they are hesitant to send money when the corrupt North Korean government spends it on its army.

"It is a dictatorship," he said. "The people are starving to death, and they are still buying

luxury goods for the elite."

The division of the peninsula began during World War II, when the Soviet Union controlled North Korea and the U.S. controlled South Korea.

While South Korea's capitalist economy thrives, the people of North Korea live in poverty under the rule of the country's communist regime, Jung said. The countries have seen violent

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Anastasia Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Originally from South Korea, UT alumnus Don Choi actively participates in the community to raise awareness for human rights issues in North Korea.

## UT forces high school to change similar logo

By Lauren Giudice  
Daily Texan Staff

To protect the integrity of its trademark Longhorn logo, the University made a Kansas high school alter its own.

The schools have been communicating for several months and administrators at Gardner Edgerton High School are now in the transition process of removing the logo from school property.

"They were very cooperative and wanted to understand," said assistant athletics director Craig Westemeier, who oversees the Office of Trademark Licensing. "We took the tact of educating them on our marks and our reasons for having to protect them."

The high school's new logo is more detailed than its previous one and now includes the full body of an ox instead of just its face. Calls to the school were not returned as of press time on Monday.

"We gave them time to change it on their field and their uniforms, as well as other areas," Westemeier said. "We have worked with them so we could cut a deal to allow them to transition out of the use of the logo."

Westemeier said although making a high school in Kansas

change its mascot seems unnecessary, it is the responsibility of the owner to protect their trademark.

"We continually are out protecting the mark and educating people on the need for us to do that," he said. "That is part of owning a trademark — you have to be out there protecting

the mark and to maintain its integrity and its value and, more importantly, the legal rights to it."

In recent years, UT has seen an increase in the number of trademark violations, Westemeier said.

"With the growth and popularity of the University

brand as well as the Internet, we have seen additional issues surrounding infringement and dilution of the marks," he said.

A recent trend shows that U.S. colleges have been instructing high schools across the nation that they cannot copy their logos, according to a Nov. 26 New York Times article.

Law professor Robert Bone said that universities protect their brands especially against people who make their own UT gear without first getting

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Anastasia Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Students walk past the Sid Richardson building near the LBJ Library on campus early Monday afternoon.

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how legislators can spend money diverted from the State Highway Fund, restricting that money to programs that affect roads throughout the state.

"It is a bad practice and a bad habit that budget writers have gotten into in the past," said Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, vice chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee. "My hope would be that a bad practice that's been acknowledged as a failed approach to budgeting would not be exacerbated this session."

In anticipation of the last legislative session, in 2009, then-Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst called on legislators to end the practice, Watson said.

The shortfall in general revenue could also affect TxDOT's ability to issue up to \$3 billion

in bonds for road construction and repair because the bonds are backed by Texas' general revenue

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D-Austin

fund under Proposition 12, which Texas voters passed in 2007.

"If there's no general revenue, there won't be any additional bonds issued," said Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, chairman of the Texas House Committee on Transportation. "Any additional

issuance will be affected by the [budget shortfall]."

Pickett said TxDOT's budgetary problems are much more extensive than this current budget crisis.

"The budget isn't really going to be affected by TxDOT," he said. "We're already in a transportation crisis. Even if the budget were in the black and we had a surplus, [highway funding] is going to hit the wall in 2012. We're out of money."

Lippincott said it would cost more than \$300 billion over the next 20 years for Texas' infrastructure to keep pace with its population growth.

At current levels of funding, the number of Texas roads in good or better condition will decline from 86 percent in 2010 to 21 percent in 2025, according to a recent study by the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas.

LABOR: Students say corporate affiliations pose board conflict

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administrators and independent labor rights experts. The Fair Labor Association consists of students, university administrators and representatives from major corporations such as Nike.

The association's inclusion of corporate representatives creates a potential conflict of interest, which is why Oxfam and Students Against Sweatshops feel that an affiliation with the consortium would be more effective, said Latin American studies senior Caitlin McCann, co-president of Oxfam UT.

"Because corporations are tied up in this process of monitoring, anyone from the outside looking at this on paper would say, 'You have representatives from a company sitting on a board meant to monitor that same company,'" she said.

UT Student Government voted in favor of the University's affiliation with the Consortium in April. The University has been affiliated with the Fair

Labor Association for 11 years. During that time, the University has made steady progress toward protecting workers' rights and improving working conditions worldwide, UT athletics director Chris Plonsky said in a Nov. 19 letter to the student groups.

"We've made progress, and we've had growth," Westemeier said. "The FLA has been effective. If you can have a collaborative effort where you bring everybody to the table, you make better strides and help make change."

Corporations sitting on the association's board are convincing reasons why an affiliation with the group is not the best possible choice, said international relations and global studies junior Billy Yates, a member of Students Against Sweatshops.

"This is what we see as a better alternative," he said. "As students that go here and pay tuition and the voices of the University, this is how we feel. We just want something that's better."

LOGO: Copyright offenders compel 'aggressive approach'

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permission to use the logo.

"The revenues from merchandise licensing can be very substantial for a large and well-known university like UT," Bone said. "From what I can tell, however, the Kansas case is not about merchandising."

Instead, he said trademark owners with strong brands want to maintain its exclusivity.

"Many trademark owners fear that if they don't police unauthorized uses of their

marks aggressively and uniformly, they will risk losing their rights in the mark," Bone said. "Companies that invest a lot in building a brand don't want to take any risks."

Austin trademark lawyer Cristi Trusler said UT has the right and duty to exclude others from using their trademark

"Because UT has had problems in the past with people trying to copy their mark, they're probably trying to take a pretty aggressive approach," Trusler said.

KOREA: Student stresses human rights for north

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conflict for several decades.

"Living area is so concentrated," Jung said. "South Korea is about the size of Indiana, and in one day of serious shelling, you could kill a lot of people."

For years, the U.S. and five of North Korea's neighboring countries have tried to negotiate with the communist country to dismantle its nuclear weapon programs in six-party international conferences.

"Economics play a big role in concerns over escalating tensions in Northeast Asia," said journalism professor Tracy Dahlby in an e-mail.

Dahlby served as the Tokyo bureau chief for The Washington Post and Newsweek.

"The group is designed to act as a diplomatic forum for handling security issues in the region and to keep a lid on tensions on the Korean Peninsula that could affect the peace and security in the area and, ultimately, have a spoiler affect on the global economy," he said.

Journalism junior Ann Choi holds dual American and South Korean citizenships. She said the

people of South Korea are accustomed to attacks and threats by their northern enemy, and the conflict has always been among the military and government.

"[Violence] is North Korea's only way of communicating with the outside world," Choi said. "The only shocking part was that they fired towards civilians."

Choi also said the conflict is largely related to the political and economic issues in North Korea.

"Our community first should start speaking up against the injustice of North Korea and the devastating conditions," Choi said.

A 2008 UT alumnus, Don Choi is now a Presbyterian seminarian in Austin. He was an officer in the former student group Liberty in North Korea when he was a UT student.

Don Choi said he strongly supports preserving the human dignity of North Koreans and is afraid the United States' portrayal of North Korea will be similar to the "dehumanizing tactics" they used when describing the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

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South Korean veterans and war widows burn portraits of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, right, and his son Kim Jong Un during a rally denouncing the Nov. 23 North Korean bombardment on the South Korean border island of Yeonpyeong on Jeju Island on Monday.

## Koreas' sea border recipe for war

**By Lee Jin-Man & Foster Klug**  
The Associated Press  
YEONPYEONG ISLAND, South Korea — The view from this South Korean island takes in the undulating hills of North Korea just seven miles away and the seafood-rich waters all around — a region of such economic and strategic importance to both countries that one expert calls it a recipe for war.

Violence often erupts in this slice of sea claimed by both countries. Boats routinely jostle for position during crab-catching season, and three deadly naval clashes since 1999 have taken a few dozen lives.

The South's president took responsibility Monday for failing to protect his citizens from a dead-

ly North Korean artillery barrage on Yeonpyeong Island on Nov. 23. The origins of the attack can be traced to a sea border drawn at the close of the Korean War, nearly 60 years ago.

As the conflict ended in a truce, the U.S.-led U.N. Command divided the Yellow Sea without Pyongyang's consent, cutting North Korea off from rich fishing waters and boxing in a crucial deep-water port, a move that clearly favored the South.

North Korea has bitterly contested the line ever since, arguing that it should run farther south. But for Seoul, accepting such a line would endanger fishing around five South Korean islands and hamper access to its port at Incheon.

"It is the perfect recipe for 'accidental' warfare," Erich Weingartner, editor-in-chief of CanKor, a Canadian website focused on North Korean analysis, wrote recently.

"The navies of both sides protect their respective fishing vessels. Mischief and miscalculation does the rest," he added. "The outbreak of hostilities is less surprising to me than the fact that for 60 years these hostilities have been contained."

The Nov. 23 attack hit civilian areas in Yeonpyeong (pronounced yuhn-pyuhng), marking a new level of hostility along the contested line. Two civilians and two marines died, and many houses were gutted in the shelling.

Normally home to about 1,300

civilian residents, the island was declared a special security area Monday, which could pave the way for a forced evacuation of those who did not flee last week. Military trucks carrying what appeared to be multiple rocket launchers were seen heading to a marine base on the island.

Long-range artillery guns and a half-dozen K-9 howitzers were also on their way, the Yonhap news agency reported, citing unidentified military officials.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, in a nationally televised speech, vowed tough consequences for any future aggression, without offering specifics.

"I feel deeply responsible for failing to protect my people's lives and property," he said.

## Clinton calls Wikileaks disclosure 'attack' on world

**By Matthew Lee**  
The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday the leak of hundreds of thousands of secret diplomatic documents is

an attack not only on the United States but also the international community.

In her first public comments since the weekend release of the classified State Department cables, Clinton said that online

whistleblower Wikileaks acted illegally in posting the material. She said the Obama administration was taking "aggressive steps to hold responsible those who stole this information."

"This disclosure is not just an attack on America's foreign policy interests," Clinton said. "It is an attack on the international community: the alliances and partnerships, the conversations and negotiations that safeguard global security and advance economic prosperity."

"It puts people's lives in danger, threatens our national security and undermines our efforts to work with other countries to solve shared problems," she told reporters at the State Department.

Clinton would not comment on the specific contents of the cables but said the administration "deeply regrets" any embarrassment caused by their

disclosure. Many of them contain candid and often unflattering assessments of foreign leaders, both friends and foes.

But she acknowledged that the newly released cables revealing deep concerns among Arab world leaders about Iran's nuclear ambitions have a basis in reality.

"It should not be a surprise to anyone that Iran is a great concern," she said, adding that the comments reported in the documents "confirm the fact that Iran poses a very serious threat in the eyes of her neighbors."

Clinton's comments came before she left Washington Monday on a four-nation tour of Central Asia and the Persian Gulf. She alluded to discussions she expects to have about the leaked documents with officials from Europe and elsewhere.

Some of those diplomats may be cited in the leaked documents, confronting her with uncomfortable conversations.



Evan Vucci | Associated Press

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton makes a statement on the Wikileaks document release on Monday in Washington.

## Rio officials look for next targets after taking slum

**By Bradley Brooks**  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rio's top security official hailed the taking by authorities of what was long the most dangerous slum in the city that will host the 2016 Olympics, as operations continued Monday to locate drug gang members thought to be hiding inside.

Meanwhile authorities, jubilant at the sudden, dramatic shift that saw them take control of two gang strongholds long thought untouchable, were already setting their sites on the next targets.

Rio state public security director Jose Beltrame, who has been criticized by human rights groups in the past for tough policing methods, was humble, emotional and thrilled after police and soldiers seized control of the Alemao complex of about a dozen slums. For decades, it had been the key territory of Rio's biggest drug gang, the Red Command.

"The Alemao was the heart of evil," Beltrame said at a late Sunday news conference.

But he emphasized that his two-year-old program to push gangs out of the city's sprawling shantytowns and replace them with permanent police posts was only beginning, that he was now looking ahead to the next huge slum that police will go after — Rocinha, a sprawl of shanties and narrow al-

leys that is one of Latin America's largest slums.

He did not detail when police might attempt to wrestle Rocinha from the drug gang that controls it, but he was resolute and confident in saying that it would definitely fall.

"Criminals without a house, criminals without a weapon, criminals without territory, criminals without money are far less criminal than they were before," said Beltrame, on the verge of tears, voice cracking. "We have not won the war, but we've won a difficult and important battle."

He spoke hours after 2,600 police and soldiers poured into Alemao at sunrise, supported by armored personnel carriers, low-flying helicopters buzzing the slum and even a few tanks. They claimed victory within two hours, saying they had taken control with little fighting in the district of 85,000 residents.

It was the biggest advance yet in the two-year effort to drive gangs from their strongholds in the hundreds of shantytowns, many draped across the hills that look down on Rio's fabled beaches.

The crusade is driven in part by the need to make foreign visitors feel secure for the final matches of the 2014 World Cup and for the 2016 Olympics that are meant to be showpieces of Brazil's emergence as growing world force.



Silvia Izquierdo | Associated Press

Police place a Brazilian flag at a top point of the Complexo do Alemao slum in Rio de Janeiro. Rio's most dangerous slum that was the backbone of the city's biggest drug gang was taken by 2,600 police and soldiers on Sunday.

## NEWS BRIEFLY

### UN Security Council evaluates

#### North Korea's nuclear activity

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council is studying how to respond to revelations about a new uranium enrichment plant in North Korea, as well as the country's shelling of a populated island in neighboring South Korea, U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice said Monday.

Rice spoke after the powerful 15-member group held routine consultations on U.N. sanctions against communist-led North Korea. The United States is one of the council's five permanent, and most powerful, members.

She said that the council's concerns about North Korea's nuclear activities have been heightened by its attack last week on Yeonpyeong, an island under U.N. command and administered by South Korea. Two South Korean marines and two civilians were killed in the shelling.

Rice said the U.S. and other council members were holding consultations with China, another permanent member of the council, and other countries in the region.

"We've looked to China to play a responsible leadership role in working to maintain peace and security in that region," the U.S. ambassador said. "It's in China's interest."

— The Associated Press

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**Fig. A**

Amount of Money for your Textbooks

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Understanding Nutrition (12th) NUTR 106	\$51*	\$96*
Financial Accounting B A 284T	\$25*	\$91*

\*from University Co-op, Advantage Program Co-op, and the average of 17 local Austin stores. \*\*from BookHolders Advantage Program Co-op.



OVERVIEW

Major open records victory

This month, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott ruled that a South Texas county must allow for digital transfer of county records, constituting a major victory for open records advocates in Texas. Abbott ruled that Houston-based company Integrity Title Records must transfer an electronic copy of Hidalgo County’s index of title records via USB port. Originally, the county has said the records would have to be burned on a CD, at a cost of nearly \$90,000 to the company.

In Texas, any governmental records, including those at state agencies that receive state funding such as UT, are available to any citizen that submits an Open Records Request to a particular government office. That office then has 10 business days to respond to the requester or to petition the Attorney General to keep the records sealed. In the case of Hidalgo County, the AG ruled in favor of the company’s request.

Transparency is vital for a functioning democracy. That knowledge originally drove both the federal and state government to establish the Freedom of Information Act and Open Records Act. However, modern advancements in technology will force us to re-evaluate what it means to be “compliant” in a digital age. Lawmakers must be vigilant in reviewing such laws so that state agencies cannot hide behind technicalities. Abbott’s ruling is certainly a victory for Texan watchdogs and others who strive to hold their government accountable.

Check drunken driving

The Texas House of Representatives needs to take initiative and address Texas’ appalling record of drunken-driving prevention. Texas was recently rated one of the worst in the nation for preventing alcohol-related traffic fatalities according to a report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the state has a historically high rate of alcohol-related traffic deaths.

The problem has long gone unsolved in part because of the ineffectiveness and bureaucracy that reigns in the chambers of Texas lawmakers, but a possible solution recently re-emerged: sobriety checkpoints; intrusive, but maybe a necessity.

Sobriety checkpoints enable law enforcement to conduct investigations for driver impairment (usually, as a result of alcohol) on every vehicle that passes a designated point. The concept has provoked ire and indignation among many who object to the measure because of the many sober, innocent drivers such procedures would delay without merit. But in a town such as Austin, where a culture of drinking prevails — and not always responsible drinking — it might be time to accept that sobriety checkpoints, which were banned in 1994, are an annoying necessity.

The Austin Police Department does not have a great record when it comes to community relations. Any checkpoint program would require strict oversight by an outside agency to ensure accountability on the part of APD.

Last year Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, wrote a bill that would permit sheriffs in cities with populations of more than 500,000 (or counties with more than 250,000 people) to conduct security checkpoints or stops when they deemed such procedures necessary. The bill passed in the Senate but languished in the House, which is now considering revisiting the issue that has been tossed around for over a decade.

Inaction is not an option. The use of checkpoints is estimated to reduce alcohol-related driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. The legislation to make sobriety checkpoints an available tool for those who keep our roads safe is already written. The House should send it to the governor to sign as soon as possible.

GALLERY



The lost cause of climate laws

By Emily Grubert  
Daily Texan Columnist

Locally, domestically and internationally, there’s some interesting environmental policy news descending on us as winter break (finally!) closes in.

I’m sure a lot of my fellow students can sympathize with my use of the word “finally.” Environmental regulators and policy watchers might be thinking “finally” about some of the policy being made right now, but it’s hard to tell whether the sentiment is one of relief or dread. There are quite a few policies, long since announced and debated, that are about to be implemented or debated again. And it’s hard to say exactly which of these we should get excited about.

Here in Austin, we’re about to host the 82nd Texas Legislative Session, which lands on Jan. 11 and will continue for 140 days. For the environmentally interested, the Sunset review is pretty relevant this session. Texas decided back in 1977 that almost every Texas agency would be automatically abolished at the end of some period (often every 12 years) unless the Legislature enacts laws to keep them alive. The review period, meant to identify and eliminate waste, involves public hearings and multiple analytical publications detailing the agencies’ roles, failings and potentials. Check them out online.

This session, 28 agencies came up for review, including a large number of environmentally relevant ones. The Sunset Advisory Commission, a 12-member body, makes recommendations on each agency to the full Legislature. Agencies for which the Commission still hasn’t made its own decisions include the Texas Water Development Board

and Texas Forest Service (decisions expected December 15-16), the Railroad Commission of Texas and, notably, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (public hearing December 15-16, decisions expected January 12.) The Railroad Commission is the group that regulates oil and natural gas in Texas: House Bill 173 proposes the name be changed to the Texas Oil and Gas Commission so people can stop being so confused about why the Railroad Commission is so powerful in a state where you basically can’t take a train from Austin to Houston.

TCEQ is perhaps the more controversial agency up for review. After a summer of picking fights with the Environmental Protection Agency over greenhouse gas and other air pollutant regulation, TCEQ has been in the news more than it might like. The Sunset report avoids the issue of greenhouse gas regulation, instead writing that “Sunset staff simply could not insert itself into such complex negotiations and sensitive legal disputes related to TCEQ’s air permitting program.” TCEQ is the second largest environmental regulatory body in the world by some measures, second only to the EPA, and watching these two giants fight over jurisdiction and the greenhouse gas regulation (that neither is particularly well equipped to accomplish) should be interesting.

There’s much more news on the greenhouse gas regulation front. My home state of California will go forward with implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (perhaps better known as AB 32) now that the law survived a challenge during the November election. On Jan. 1, the California Air Resources Board will adopt greenhouse gas emission limits and reduc-

tion strategies that will become binding in 2012, and it is authorized to announce a cap and trade system. Simultaneously, the U.S. EPA has its hands full as its greenhouse gas controls finish their gestation. Starting Jan. 2, the EPA will officially regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.

Internationally, efforts to reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases remain confusing and mired in mixed messages. The 16th Conference of Parties (COP-16) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) started in Cancun, Mexico, on Monday. The annual meeting is the first one since the much-hyped meeting in Copenhagen last December failed to produce much of anything by way of a treaty, goodwill or clarity. COP-16 runs until Dec. 10 and isn’t expected to be that exciting. Sadly, inevitably and somewhat predictably, nations and subnational groups such as U.S. states are left to their own devices in trying to address a problem that is fundamentally both local and global, regional and without boundaries, justice-seeking and justice denying. Climate change is a major environmental challenge of this era, and local, domestic and international bodies are scrambling to do something about it — in some cases, scrambling to make sure nothing gets done about it.

So check up on these developing stories if you’re curious over break — nothing or quite a lot might get done. But one thing is certain: Human reactions to climate change and regulations addressing climate change are not going to get particularly simple any time soon.

Grubert is an environmental and water resources engineering graduate student.



Longhorn of the year

The Daily Texan Editorial Board is seeking suggestions for “Longhorn of the Year.” The “Longhorn of the Year” is an individual or group that had the most positive impact on the UT community throughout 2010.

You can suggest a candidate by e-mailing the name of the nominee and a short explanation to firingline@dailytexanonline.com, writing on the wall of the Facebook event page, “Longhorn of the Year” or tweeting us @DTeditorial.

We’ll print finalists later this week and announce our selection in the last paper of the semester.

LONGHORN OF THE YEAR

Editor’s note: The following are excerpts of suggestions we have received for Longhorn of the Year. Read the full endorsements online at DailyTexanOnline.com.

Jimmy Talarico

As founder and director of Hook the Vote, Jimmy worked tirelessly to register students to vote and to get them excited, educated and motivated to get engaged in this past election. Jimmy continues to work to make sure students are heard and represented as he leads the Legislative Working Group, which is made up of the lobbying leaders of SG, GSA and Senate. As our University faces budget cuts and tough times, Jimmy will be working hard to make sure students do not take the brunt of the pain from our state’s \$25 billion budget deficit.

— Yaman Desai  
Government junior and SG liberal arts representative

Sam Acho

In a year in which there never seemed to be much positive to say during the Longhorn football games, there was always one bright spot for TV announcers to mention: Sam Acho, not only for his performance on the field but also for his academic and community accomplishments.

One young man can’t carry the whole team on his shoulders, but he has managed to sustain the pride of Longhorn fans throughout the season, and he does it in a way that emphasizes the “life beyond the gridlines,” which DeLoss Dodds and Coach Brown speak of so often. He is a student athlete who gives equal weight to academic performance and also finds times to serve meaningfully in the community.

— David Wenger  
McCombs School of Business  
Director of Communications, Marketing & Public Affairs

Loren Campos

Loren Campos is a soft-spoken and unassuming guy, but he is also full of conviction and pride in his University and country.

Loren is the president of the University Leadership Initiative, a student group started to advocate for the DREAM Act, a piece of legislation that would create a path to citizenship for undocumented students. Earlier this month, Loren and a few other ULIfers publicly came out as undocumented students, a move which comes at great personal risk.

Loren is currently leading his group in a statewide seven-day hunger strike for the DREAM Act which has garnered national attention. While most students, including myself, were at home enjoying their Thanksgiving meals with their families, Loren and his group went hungry not just for food, but for the opportunity to use their UT educations in this country.

— Jesús Alejandro Barrientos  
Volunteer Coordinator, University Democrats  
Outreach Director, Oxfam UT

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# Experts examine nations' responses to H1N1 outbreak

**By Nick Mehendale**  
Daily Texan Staff

Both the United States and China failed in their responses to the 2009 outbreak of H1N1, said a health and security expert at the LBJ School of Public Affairs on Monday.

Yanzhong Huang, director of global health studies at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations, addressed the global response to the outbreak. He has written about global health governance, health security and public health in China and East Asia for BusinessWeek, The Washington Post and The Associated Press.

"There is no silver bullet when it comes to fighting a pandemic," Huang said. "A country can either contain the virus and quarantine the people that are affected or mitigate the disease by slowing down the spread of the virus by only treating those who are severely ill. China very aggressively used quarantines to fight the spread, while the U.S. focused on vaccines, as most did."

The way a country handles an outbreak poses a test to humanity's response to a pandemic on a global level, Huang said.

"Both China and the U.S. failed their tests," Huang said. "While China used the matter to shore up the legitimacy of the regime and achieve greater social and political stability, the

U.S. offered vaccines to underdeveloped countries that they ultimately didn't deliver on. Politicalization of public health problems can lead a country to pursue a political agenda that does not address the needs or concerns of others."

Almost all policy issues have some international component, said Diana Newton, a senior fellow at the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University.

"With the spread of these diseases, we should see how different countries can come together across borders to prevent terrible things from happening," Newton said.

Molecular genetics and microbiology professor Shelley Payne said today is an important time to understand the way diseases are spread and their implications.

"This subject is becoming increasingly important," Payne said. "A growing number of diseases are becoming drug resistant, and we don't have a vaccine for many of them. We can't prevent what we don't understand."

Payne said it is important to critically look at the spread of disease.

"When diseases spill over from other regions of the world, we have to be ready to deal with them, which many times we are not," she said.

# Texas 4000 attempts to break records



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

**Texas 4000 members Sam Markolf, Chelsea Lawson and Molly Allender blow up balloons as part of their effort to break the world record for the most people "beating cancer." Texas 4000 is a nonprofit organization that bikes from Texas to Alaska to raise money for cancer research.**

A group of more than 50 students who bike 4,600 miles from Austin to Anchorage, Alaska, every summer broke a record for the Livestrong Young Adult Alliance's Break Cancer initiative, said advertising senior Adam Laurenzo, copresident of Texas 4000. More than 50 members punched balloons, which symbolized cancer, in the Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Building on Dean Keeton Street.

Laurenzo said Monday's event was not the group's first time participating in the initiative.

"Our last one was 'Longest Con-go Line of Mustache-Wearing People,'" he said. "People come up with crazy stuff."

The trek from Austin to Anchorage is the world's longest annual charity bicycle ride, consisting only of UT students. Since the group's first ride in 2004, it has raised al-

most \$3 million to support cancer research, he said.

"The Beat Cancer initiative creates awareness through breaking records," he said. "Hopefully this will help draw the public eye and get us more support."

— Allie Kolechta



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**Yanzhong Huang, Seton Hall University's Center for Global Health Studies Director, delivers a speech concerning pandemic response in East Asia. Huang believes that Eastern Asian countries' response to the H1N1 virus is an indicator of America's role in pandemic leadership.**

# Association awards faculty members

**By Vidushi Shrimali**  
Daily Texan Staff

Seven UT faculty members were named for a \$5,000 award for teaching excellence.

Established in the fall of 1980, the President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award honors five professors in the College of Liberal Arts and one in the College of Natural Sciences. This year, however, six liberal arts professors and one natural sciences professor were selected for the award.

One of the honorees, Steven Friesen, a religious studies professor, said all teachers have their own individual style when it comes to running their classrooms.

"There is no right way to do it," Friesen said. "Everyone

finds a way that works with their personality and goals."

He sets both holistic goals for his classes and individual goals for students according to "a vision of where we would like students to get to," he said.

American studies associate professor Elizabeth Engelhardt is currently teaching a small undergraduate studies discussion course called "Invention of Southern Food." She said she focuses on engaging her students in

the discussion aspect of her class.

"I focus on making the classroom where students have a voice, but more so where we are pushing ourselves to be more intellectual together, rather than individually," she said.

Each of the students in associate history professor Charters Wynn's class is supposed to bring three questions to every class based on the scheduled readings. He picks the most engaging and provocative questions and uses

them in discussion, he said.

"I usually find if students come to class ready, they are willing to participate," Wynn said.

Wynn said he constantly tries to engage his students through hands-on activities. He also serves as the director of the history department's Normandy Scholar Program on World War II, which takes about 20 students to World War II sites around Europe in May after they have studied the war in the spring semester.

The other professors are Ami Pedahzur, a government professor; Kirsten Belgium, a German associate professor; Carol Nicols, the director of the Fashion Design Program; and Domino Perez, an English associate professor.

## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Environmental expert to join faculty as Fulbright professor

Environmental expert Oswaldo dos Santo Lucon will join the UT faculty in the spring semester as a Fulbright Visiting Professor in environmental sciences and policy.

Lucon is a professor at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil and a member of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

a United Nations-based organization that analyzes contemporary knowledge of climate change's effects on the environment and populations.

"He has a lot of experience at the governmental policy level," said assistant architecture professor Fernando Lara. "We can do all the research we want, but none of it will be effective until we turn it into public policies. That is the point where the U.S. is frozen. [Lucon] will help to change that."

As part of the Fulbright Visiting Professor Program, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies will cohost one professorship annually along with another college or school at the University for five years. The School of Architecture will cohost Lucon. The School of Law, Jackson School of Geosciences, McCombs School of Business and the College of Liberal Arts will also participate in the program.

— Nick Mehendale

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Tschirhart recalls Malou, the love of his life, as the sun sets.



Though the Gestapo ran Tschirhart out of Paris during World War II, he repatriated to America, became an Army Air Corps bombardier and returned to liberate his country only a few years later.



A young John Tschirhart dons a Napoleonic soldier's cap in a film still from his acting career in the 1950s.



Malou, seen in a picture held by Tschirhart, died during the Nazi occupation of France, where she was an underground fighter.



Tschirhart gazes out his office window in the house he designed himself. At age 90, Tschirhart still lives independently.

Photos by  
**Caleb Bryant Miller**





Tschirhart's face is seen reflected in the mirror of his Puch moped. Though the tires are now flat, Tschirhart used the vehicle when gasoline prices were more than \$3 a gallon.

# Malou, *mon chéri*

By Caleb Miller  
Daily Texan Staff

Love, war, death, Nazis, Hollywood, wives, girlfriends and llamas: It seems far-fetched, but these disparate elements are but a small selection from a life that is stranger than fiction. At age 90, the French-American John Tschirhart has seen enough to fill an epic motion picture. In fact, that is exactly what he intends to do. He's even considering two.

Born in San Antonio to French parents, John grew up in pre-World War II France unaware of his dual citizenship. When the Nazi occupation began, John's American citizenship became a serious liability. After two scares with the Gestapo and a letter from the American embassy, John repatriated to the USA in 1941, leaving behind the love of his life, the beautiful Malou. Eager to return, John joined the United States Army Air Corps and became a B-17 bombardier, while Malou joined the French Underground. Two days before the liberation of Paris, John received the worst news of his life: Malou was dead.

While John grieved terribly, life went on and so did John — to Hollywood as a producer and actor, to Vietnam as a foreign service officer and to Libya as an English teacher during Muammar al-Gaddafi's rise to power. Today John lives in southwest Austin with a young couple for housemates and three llamas for companionship. Here, in a cluttered office strewn with artifacts from bygone days, John works tirelessly on his greatest project, an autobiographic film chronicling the love of his life, Malou, and the terrible war that tore them apart. Though he needs nearly \$9 million to complete the project, John is adamant about the film's worthiness.

With a youthful twinkle in his eye befitting a much younger man, John says, "This is a truth. This is fact. Fiction cannot beat that."



Tschirhart's home office contains a priceless archive of his old films, tapes and documents, as well as genealogical research.

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Tschirhart feeds bread to his Ecuadorian llamas in their backyard enclosure.



Tschirhart stands with the architectural plans he designed for his current house. The previous house on the same property burned down years ago, nearly taking Tschirhart's life. Fortunately, a neighbor helped him to escape out a window.



During the Rally to Restore Sanity at the Capitol, Tschirhart was the lone conservative Republican demonstrator.

One of Tschirhart's many eccentricities is his collection of critters, collected on his two-and-a-half acre property in southwest Austin.



Tschirhart opens a filing cabinet filled with documents espousing his right-wing, conservative political philosophy.





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MEN'S ROWING

# Texas finds success, gears up for spring

By Bri Thomas  
Daily Texan Staff

Two seasons ago, Texas' top senior club rowers graduated. Last year, a staffing change came when ex-Penn captain Nate Fox became the new varsity coach.

Despite the changes, Texas went on to win the Head of the Hooch race in Chattanooga on Nov. 6 and is now buckling down for winter training to get ready for the spring season.

The fall season has been a complete turn around for the team, and the transition can be credited to its newfound determination.

"People are coming to practice with more focus, more fire and ready to work — things that aren't easy to do at 5:15 a.m. every morning," said senior Tyler McDonald. "Furthermore, the rowers are putting in extra work outside of practice multiple times per week."

The season, which began in early October, brought the Longhorns surprising success, including a first place finish in their four's race. The team went to Boston for the Head of the Charles, the world's largest two-day rowing event, to race their eight and beat their time



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

The men's rowing team takes in the sights as they ready themselves for winter workouts before the spring season rolls around. Texas finished the fall with gold in their final event of 2010. The Longhorns attribute much of their improvement to a newfound passion and focus.

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FOOTBALL



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Longhorns' head coach Mack Brown says he will evaluate his coaching staff as he searches for answers after Texas' 5-7 record in 2010. Texas won fewer than 10 games for the first time since 2000.

# Brown evaluating lost season as UT prepares for 2011

By Jordan Godwin  
Daily Texan Columnist

Now that the damage has been done, it's time to sift through the ashes of Texas football to find where to go from here.

The most important thing about the disastrous 2010 season is looking forward to 2011. What changes need to be made to ensure that this was one fluke season and not a long-term fall from grace?

"I have a lot of work to do here," said head coach Mack Brown. "There's no time frame

on it, no timetable."

The first thing Brown will do is assess his coaching staff. He's never been a fan of firing assistant coaches, but after his worst season since 1989, when The B-52's ruled the world, he's reached a boiling point. Heavy rumors have already started about coaches "resigning" or "retiring," and that's the first step in the right direction. Even Brown will tell you where most of the problems came from this year.

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# ROWERS: Horns' revamped work ethic brings home gold

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from the previous season by a minute.

"At this point, a lot of us were beginning to notice our potential and realized that we may just be able to finish this season out on a good note," McDonald said. "We came back to Austin and laid down some awesome results at our only home race this fall, Head of the Colorado."

During the Head of the Colorado, Texas swept the pairs' event, taking first through fourth places. McDonald battled his way to the top, overcoming a comedy of errors to finish first.

"My partner Alex Mitrowski and I ended up winning gold, even though one of my shoes had broken off of the footplate, and the other foot came out of its shoe halfway through the race," McDonald said.

When Hooch, the team's most important race of the fall, rolled around, the Longhorns did not quite know what to expect.

"We had done very well at our home race, but the caliber of competition isn't as high as other races, and we were expected to win anyway," McDonald said. "We entered our eights and our fours at the Hooch and thought we did well, but results weren't posted

until later."

With the 7th-place finish from the previous year haunting them, the team was shocked to eventually learn it came in second, only 2.3 seconds behind Jacksonville University — the event's winner the year prior.

"That result was a message to us that the changes we had made and the work we had put in since the beginning of the season were working," McDonald said. "At that point, all of us in the top — Andrew Cox, Alex Mitrowski, Zach Boven, our coxswain Emily Lim, and myself — got together and decided that a gold finish in the fours race, which was 3 hours away, was something completely doable."

After extreme practices and intense work ethics, winning the gold could not have been a more pleasant surprise for the team, especially after poor results in the same event last year.

"I probably won't ever forget the moment when we found out our results," McDonald said. "I've always heard my coaches talk about those kinds of moments, the kind of moments you'll never forget, where you can't exactly explain the emotions you feel. I had never quite understood what they meant. Now I know."



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Rowers lift a craft off the rack as the team gets ready to head out for an early morning practice. The Longhorns switched to 5:45 a.m. workouts this season and will continue to hone their craft as they look ahead to the Spring, hoping to repeat the magic they found in 2010.

# BROWN: Fall from top raises more doubts

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"I think it goes back on coaches, it's not talent," Brown said. "People have said it's talent — it's not."

Only the Texas coaching staff could get so little production out of such a promising roster. Too many of the coaches are too out-dated in their tactics and stubborn in their ways to be successful in this innovative age of college football. Watch any top 10 team play in their bowl games, and you'll see an emphasis on execution, desire and creativity — three elements lacking with Texas' 2010 offense.

The irony is the fact that Texas was ahead of the pack for years by fielding a dual-threat quarterback in the zone-read system. But for some reason, maybe as a ploy to attract better running back recruits, offensive coordinator Greg

Davis slammed the brakes and reversed to 1997 when pro-style offenses were all the rage. Unfortunately, the Longhorns were also 4-7 that year, almost as bad as this year's 5-7 end result.

Immediately following the Texas A&M game, Davis made his final plea with his usual Hank Hill can't-love-him-but-you-have-to-hate-him demeanor and drawl.

"I think our program is in a solid foundation," Davis said. "This is obviously a disappointing season, but these are some things that are correctable."

No matter who's controlling Texas' offense next season, he should have plenty of promising weapons. The leading receiver, James Kirkendoll, will be gone, but the bright spots of 2010, freshman wide out Mike Davis and sophomore receiver Marquise Goodwin, will be back.

Also arriving on campus very soon is Jaxon Shipley, Jordan's little brother. Be very excited about him. Half of this season's struggles were a result of the loss of the big brother, but scouts say the younger is twice as ready for college football as his brother was. He's got amazing route-running abilities and will make the acrobatic catch on wild throws and poorly placed balls.

Speaking of which, as bad as quarterback Garrett Gilbert was in his first year as Texas' starting quarterback, he wasn't that bad. Sure, he led the nation in interceptions and had one of the worst completion percentages, quarterback ratings and decision-making ability in the history of man, but count on that to make him stronger.

Colt McCoy threw more interceptions on fewer attempts in his

sophomore year, but he used his struggles to come back with the most accurate season in college football history and a runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting.

If Gilbert wants to change where his legacy now stands, it's all up to him.

But if he's going to improve as a quarterback, he'll need some help from a running back. From the spring depth chart, one running back was academically ineligible, one was forced to retire, one was disappointing and the other showed glimpses. The last thing Texas was expecting was for the one-dimensional Gilbert to finish second on the team in rushing yards — that's not good.

Next year, he'll have five-star recruit Malcolm Brown, who can beat you with speed around the outside or bulldoze through the middle, a combination Texas has

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

TCU set to move to the Big East, joining the conference in 2012

TCU is getting out of future debates about whether the Horned Frogs deserve to be in a BCS game. They are joining a league with automatic access.

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In the latest restructuring of the college football landscape, TCU's board of trustees unanimously approved an invitation Monday to join the Big East in football and all other sports. The move from the Mountain West Conference becomes official July 1, 2012.

TCU athletic director Chris

Del Conte said gaining automatic-qualifying status "was a big factor" in the move and gives the Horned Frogs "the greatest opportunity to compete for the national championship."

The Big East, currently with eight football teams, has one of six automatic BCS slots.

"Access got easier, not the road," said Frogs coach Gary Patterson.

TCU is third in the BCS standings — the highest-ranked non-automatic qualifying team — and is in line for a chance to play for the national championship if Auburn or Oregon lose next weekend.

"Who would have thought five years ago that the guaranteed fallback position is, you're going to the Rose Bowl, and one loss you're in the national championship?" Del Conte told a room filled with supporters and staff. "We're going to Pasadena, let's get fired up. We're going to the Big East, let's get fired up. ... It's a great time to be a Frog."

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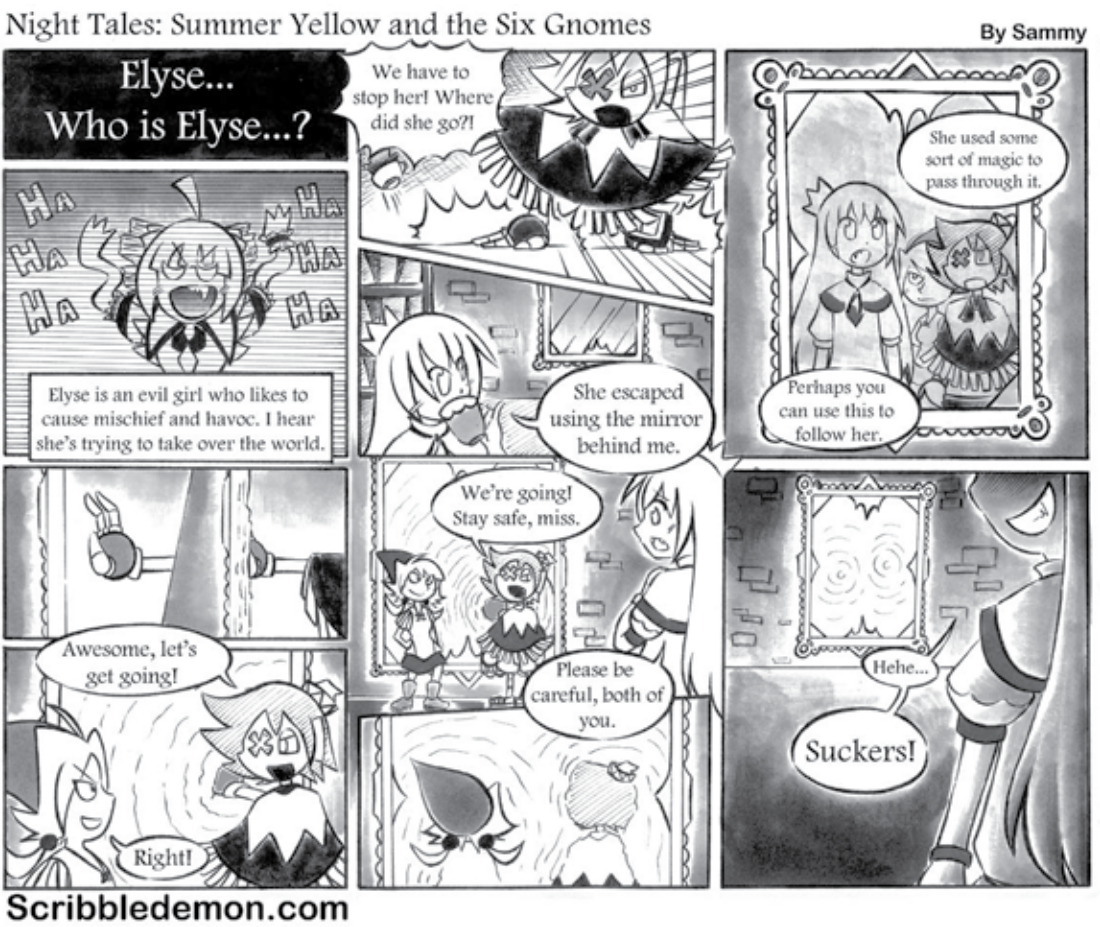
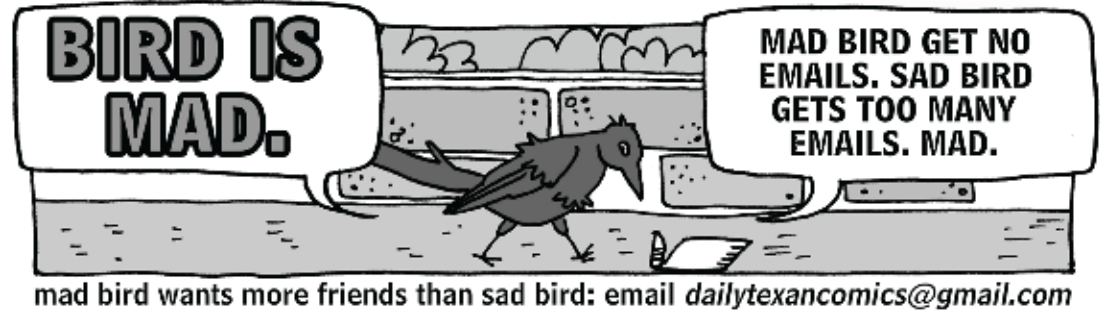
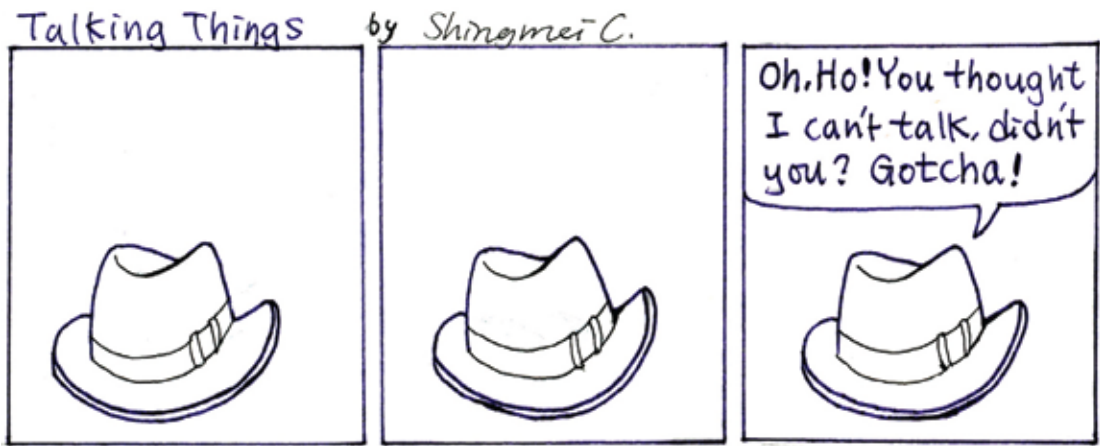
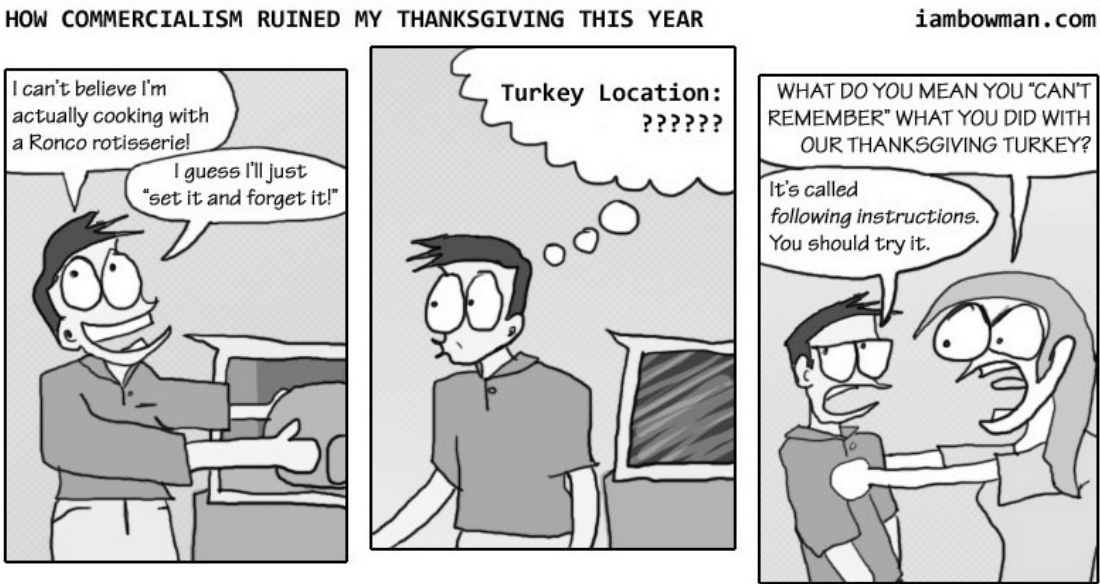
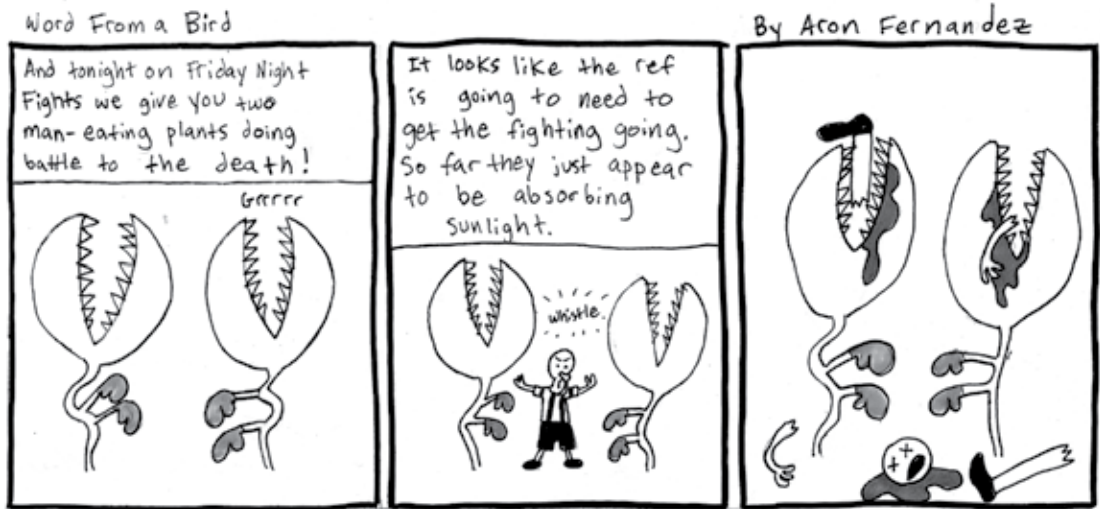
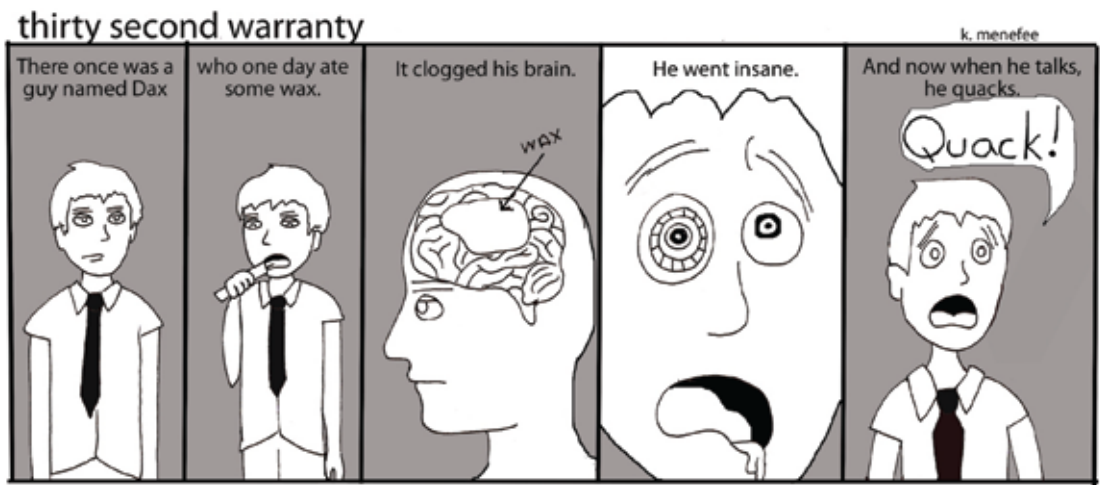
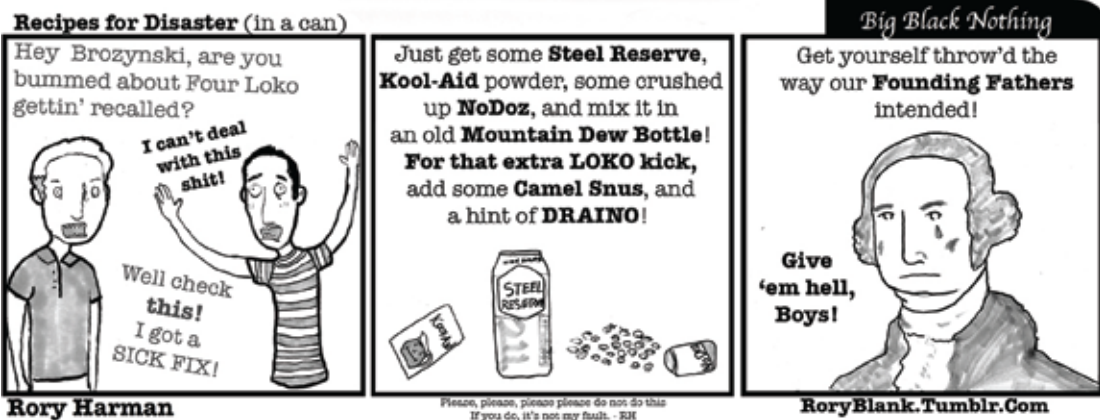
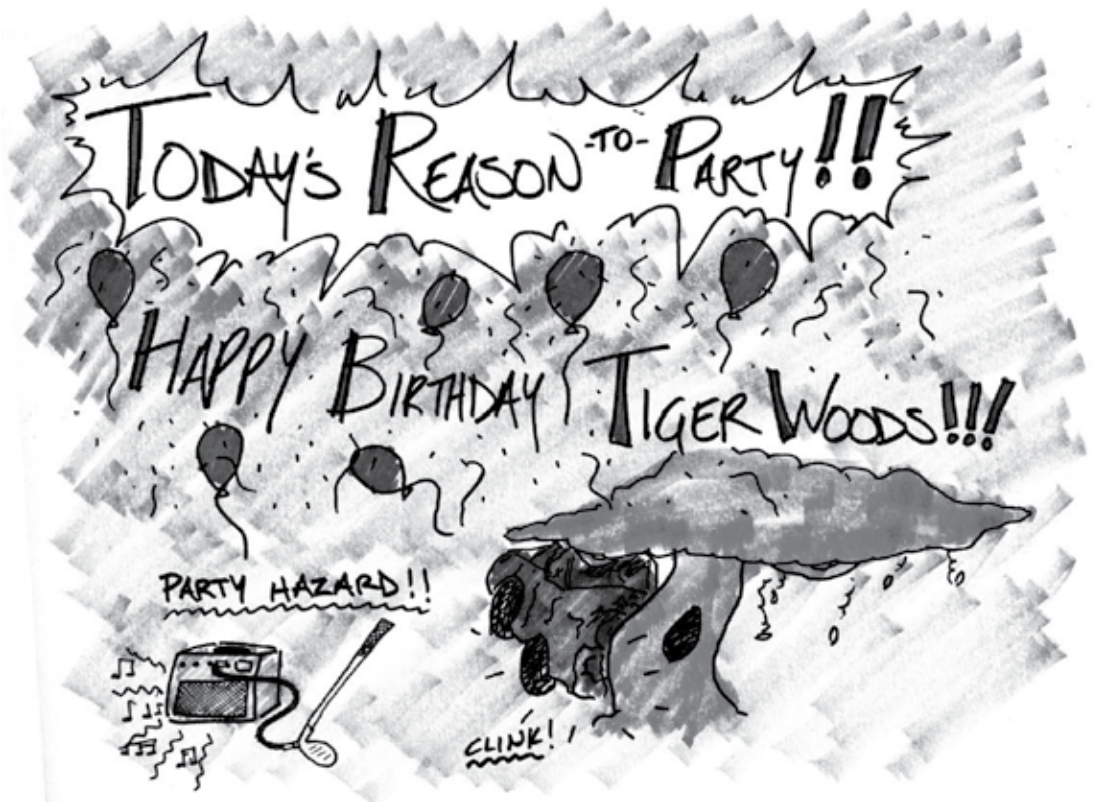
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**Across**

1 With 17-Across, event of 10/30/10

6 & 10 Sabotage for Bill O'Reilly used by 39-Across

14 Duck, as a question

15 Real comedian

16 Tolstoy's Karenina

17 See 1-Across

20 Knights

21 White House fiscal grp.

22 Deals in a fantasy league

25 Reuniongoer

27 Buffoon

28 Gambler's best friend?

33 Wizards' and Celtics' org.

36 Winner when heads loses

38 Tr2, for a circle

39 Organizer of the 54-/65-Across

41 Organizer of the 1-/17-Across

44 Uffizi display

45 Tempest

47 Troubadour's song

48 Object of loathing

51 Envy's bldg.

53 "Shake \_\_\_" I

54 With 65-Across, event of 10/30/10

57 Song part

61 Duo

63 Breakfast place that's often open 24 hrs.

65 See 54-Across

68 "Caro nome," e.g.

69 Cook in a way, as tuna or beef tenderloin

70 Rehem, say

71 Not straight

72 Award won for 39- and 41-Across's programs

**Down**

1 "Darn it!"

2 To have, to Henri

3 Peter of "Casablanca"

4 Deceives

5 They are 3 ft. long

6 Annual coronation site

7 Complete miss in basketball

8 "The Tell-Tale Heart" writer

9 Offered for breeding

10 Eric who played the Hulk in 2003

11 An OK city

12 Throw in a few chips, say

13 Tampa Bay team

18 How a practical joke or a subway train may be taken

19 "Be All You Can Be" group

24 2.5%/year interest, e.g.

26 Rodeo rope

29 Supreme Court's sphere

30 \_\_\_ Mountains, Europe/Asia separator

31 Michael of "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World"

32 1918 song girl whose name was sung with a stutter

33 Final Four inits.

34 Brought into the world

35 Utah ski resort

37 Informal reply to "Who's there?"

40 Wager

42 2 or 3 on the Richter scale, maybe

43 Jane Austen meddler

46 Wrestling duo

49 Smog, e.g.

50 Go by, as time

52 S.O.S. alternative

55 Tony-winning Rivera

56 Act like an overly protective parent

57 Pierce

58 Ripped

59 Comparable (to)

60 Tidy

62 Cautious

64 Employee discount, e.g.

66 Opposite of masc.

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# Patisserie offers colorful, French-inspired treats

Luxe Sweets owner opens pastry shop to accompany bakery, expand selection

By Sara Benner  
Daily Texan Staff

As a child, Soraiya Nagree's first encounter with macarons was at French pastry shop Ladurée on the Avenue des Champs Élysées in Paris. Nagree thought sweets were all about taste, but after entering the shop and getting an eyeful of dazzling hues, she was simply enchanted.

"When I walked in, the first thing I saw was the macarons' amazing colors. I guess you can call it love at first sight. When I saw them, I knew I was going to do something with them for the rest of my life," Nagree said.

That fateful day in Paris sparked something inside young Nagree. From that day forward, it was her dream to open her own patisserie and share a little piece of her blissful experience with others. La Pâtisserie by Luxe Sweets opened for business at 602 W. Annie St., featuring French confectionery treasures.

Passionate about pastry, Nagree, who owns the shop, seeks to create a place of refuge colored by her fond memories of Paris and her richly hued macarons.

"I think what Soraiya wants most is a place that feels like Paris, but is in Austin. It's really hard to find a great croissant or galette in Texas," said Luxe Sweets manager Kelli Nastasi. "Most importantly, she wants people to have access to something they've had or never had before."

After getting married and moving to Austin, Nagree decided to change careers, from mixing bowling ball colors as a chemical engineer to mixing flavors and textures as a pastry chef. Soon after graduating from the Texas Culinary Academy in Austin, she opened her first business, Luxe Sweets, a wholesale bakery that supplies baked goods to various coffee shops in the Austin area.

"I could see how she went from engineering to pastries because it's so technical," said Mary Partney, shop manager and barista for La



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Soraiya Nagree puts the final touches on her tower of French macarons. Nagree, a french pastry fanatic, takes inspiration for her sweets from her childhood discovery of these French confectionery treasures.

Pâtisserie. "[Nagree] always says she went from mixing inedible chemicals to edible chemicals."

Luxe Sweets offers everything from their award-winning, rose-infused fudge to their bestselling white chocolate cranberry pistachio cookies. Although the menu at Luxe Sweets primarily consists of traditional baked goods, during its six years of operation Nagree's French selection, specifically her macarons, have accumulated quite a following.

"French food and French sweets are what I've always been passion-

ate about," Nagree said. "When we started Luxe, there wasn't much interest in French sweets. In the last few years, that has changed and we've expanded and grown as the demand increased."

With 12 different flavors of macarons, in addition to a tantalizing selection of French delicacies — including financiers, eclairs and croissants — Nagree hopes to encourage comfort and relaxation in her shop with her sweet treats.

"[What I appreciate most about French culture is] their way of eat-

ing," Nagree said. "People today are just so busy that they don't take the time to enjoy food. They eat because they have to, in order to sustain themselves. [However, the French] eat for the sheer pleasure of the food that they're eating."

Although today is the start of a new era for Nagree and her culinary career, she maintains her humility and acknowledges the role of her support staff in fulfilling her lifelong dream.

"Building, designing and filling out the building has definitely been

an exercise of patience," Nagree said. "I couldn't have done this project without the help of my bakers and managers Kelli and Mary."

La Pâtisserie is to have a full espresso bar, individual French

presses and tea service to accompany the pastries. The menu is always evolving to include seasonal flavors, such as apple cinnamon brioche and gingerbread macarons, and "Pastry of the Week" specials.

## La Pâtisserie by Luxe Sweets

- 602 W. Annie St.
- Macarons are \$1.95 apiece, \$21 for a dozen

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# 'Terriers' among best shows of season despite low ratings

TV TUESDAY  
By Alex Williams

This fall, two new shows have been surrounded by hype. AMC's "The Walking Dead" and HBO's "Boardwalk Empire" have been heavily advertised, embraced by critics and debuted to fantastic ratings and almost immediate renewals.

But another show has been left by the wayside, marred by a misleading title and advertising campaign, and premiered to little fanfare and dismal ratings. This show is FX's "Terriers," not only the best show no one's watching but easily the best new show of the fall season.

Most shows have growing pains in their first season, but "Terriers" has come out fully formed, starting off with a near-flawless pilot and only getting better. The show's first season has been consistent and free of a single disappointing episode, a rare feat for any show.

"Terriers" is the story of Hank Dolworth (Donal Logue) and Britt Pollack (Michael Raymond-James), two unlicensed private detectives working in a

California beachfront community. While this may not be the most original premise on TV, a lot can be said for execution. The show keeps things unpredictable, zigging when the audience expects it to zag, putting a modern spin on many archetypical detective stories and effortlessly balancing light-hearted buddy comedy with hard-boiled detective stories.

The tonal shifts are handled flawlessly, especially thanks to the fantastic writing. The chemistry between the two leads is often the best part of any given episode. Logue and Raymond-James' rapport is hilarious, and the shorthand between the two feels authentic, something probably helped by the two actors' longtime friendship.

In fact, the acting in the show is uniformly great. Logue gives the performance of his life as Dolworth, tender, funny, jaded and whip-smart, often all at once. Logue carries every episode on his shoulders and is utterly fearless about taking his self-destructive character to some very dark places. A recent flashback episode where we learn why Hank was exiled from his job as a police of-

ficer to the slums of P.I. work was not only a fantastic Logue showcase but one of the season's best episodes. The rest of the cast isn't slacking either. Raymond-James' role is less showy than Logue's, but he is consistent and effective every week. Michael Gaston's nefarious lawyer character has given the season a memorable villain, and Gaston is obviously relishing his character's quiet menace and veiled threats, stealing every scene he's in.

Tomorrow, the season (and quite possibly series) finale of "Terriers" airs. While it's not the most accessible episode for newcomers, it's the show at its best — funny and unpredictable. It throws a ton of balls into the air and makes juggling each storyline and concluding each character's arc seem easy. The episode's final scene is a poignant, appropriate ending to the season and the series, but one can only hope it's not the last we see of Hank Dolworth and Britt Pollack.

"Terriers" is the kind of show that audiences discover on DVD years after its cancellation, the kind of show banished to 'Brilliant But Canceled' lists, joining "Firefly" and "Freaks and Geeks" among the canon of shows that were simply too good to last.

But it belongs in an entirely different conversation: the constant debate about the best show on TV. "Mad Men" is the obvious favorite, and "Breaking Bad" has its own vocal fanbase, but "Terriers" is a show unlike anything on TV right now; a fiercely unique, exquisitely written show, one that deserves far more attention, both critically and publicly, than it's receiving. Put simply, "Terriers" is the next show you'll regret not watching when you had the chance.

## CD REVIEWS

# 'The Beginning' should be the end



The Black Eyed Peas  
*The Beginning*  
Grade: D

By Christopher Nguyen  
Daily Texan Staff

Of the mainstream pop artists out there, The Black Eyed Peas have to be about the most insufferable. For music and a persona that largely consists of repeating the word "boom" in metallic costumes, they sure do take themselves seriously, never revealing

an ironic wink at the ridiculousness of it all.

It was made bearable as "Boom Boom Pow" and "I Gotta Feeling" came out of every radio, iPod and pre-teen's mouth because of the immaculate production values. However, released just a year after their last album, *The Beginning* does not have the same luck with its 50-plus minutes of running time of irritating, sloppy and unbearably serious music.

In their laboratory of pop music, The Black Eyed Peas have shown an almost scientific precision of the pop music formula, mixing enough hooks, sexual innuendos and cries of fun to come up with songs that cater to the widest demographic of listeners. On *The Beginning*, they let their success get to their head and turn them into mad scientists, leading them to amplify every nauseating aspect of their music.

Every song calls for partying hard and loving material life un-

der 4/4 beats that sound like cheap knockoffs of the already plastic beats producer David Guetta has been littering the radio with for the last two years. And will.i.am wants to make sure to remember that he is helming the album, pissing on every song with his Auto-Tuned interjections of nonsensical phrases.

It becomes almost impossible to distinguish the songs except for the most egregiously awful. In one case, "The Time" incorporates the cheesy verse of "(I've Had) The Time of My Life" from Dirty Dancing and jitters around 20 different musical ideas.

The Black Eyed Peas could actually have a little bit of fun and run with their actual musical instincts to release truly great pop music. But if they choose not to (as they are probably bound to do), hopefully their latest album's title is a prophetic sign of the beginning — of the end — for them.

For fans of: god-awful pop music, Ke\$ha, Bruno Mars, Katy Perry.

# UK sensation thrills techno lovers

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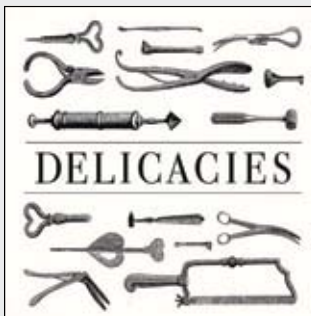
The U.K.'s Simian Mobile Disco has traveled in many ways throughout their 11-year career. In a literal sense, in-demand producers and DJs James Ford and Jas Shaw have traveled around the globe.

Musically, the group has equivocated between an unabashed catchy-hooks game and a brand of techno that is reserved for the true devotees of the genre. After hints of turning to a full blown pop-electronic sound with the surprisingly accessible and catchy tracks of their last album, Simian Mobile Disco's third studio release *Delicacies* has returned them to their straight techno roots with a simple yet gratifying oomph that cements them as purveyors of techno.

*Delicacies* features tracks

named after actual rare and exotic foods that the duo has encountered during extensive touring. While foods such as "Thousand Year Egg" and "Cazu Marzu" may not complement each other on the table, they are a fitting pair as album singles. Both of the tracks take a minimalist view on their beat progression. Building off of nothing more than a steady drum beat, little electronic squeaks that at first sound like teasing quips are added until a consistent, smooth layer is placed on top to propel the songs on their way, each spanning into more than eight minutes of persistent and raw techno jams.

Other highlights include the upbeat and springy "Sweetbread," which drops into a danceable beat that draws on the most accessible elements of their career.



Simian Mobile Disco  
*Delicacies*  
Grade: A

Simian Mobile Disco may lose the crowd drawn to their brightest moments of *Temporary Pleasure*, but *Delicacies* firmly roots and defines Simian Mobile Disco in techno.

For fans of: Chemical Brothers, Daft Punk, Hot Chip.



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